

WOODSIDE LODGE AND 536 – 550 WIMPSON LANE

Feedback from Consultation Events

Purpose: Viewing of proposed plans where the public have the opportunity to discuss the scheme and comment on the proposals which are:-

- a housing with care scheme similar to Erskine Court in Lordshill comprising of mainly 2 bed units with some 1 bed units with a communal lounge and dining room which can be used by others within the wider locality
- separate block of general needs apartments

1. Events:

- a. Millbrook & Maybush Steering Group reviewed the proposals on 2nd November 2015.
- b. Public Consultation on 29th January 2016 at the Girls Guide Hut, Timsbury Road, Southampton from 3.30 to 7 pm.

2. Millbrook & Maybush Steering Group

The Steering Group comprises of Ward Members, Portfolio Member for Housing and Sustainability and members of the local community.

3. Public Consultation Event

This was attended by 2 x Ward Councillors and 11 x Local Community. This was a positive event, evidencing support for this type of scheme and scale in this area. Attendees were requested to rate the scheme designs between 1 to 10, one being do not like and 10 being great. Three forms were completed and the average score was 7.25.

4. Comments Received

What the community liked about the scheme:-

- Self-contained units with whatever facilities are needed so residents can use facilities as much or as little as required.
- Upgrading the area
- Like the design of the care home
- Local community can use the facilities
- The on site parking
- The idea behind the changes.
- Lifetime home standards for all new homes.
- Buggy parking/charging within the individual units.
- Provision of bariatric flats.

What the community dislike about the proposals

- Not convinced there is enough parking, suggest lose some of the green area for parking.
- Concerns over the height and whether it is over powering, especially four storey element.
- Pedestrian crossing for the home

- Trees – number to be felled. If any trees are felled, there is a two for one replacement policy.

General concerns regarding the area:

- Concern over the width of the pavement for mobility scooters in Wimpson Lane.
- Parking in the area is very bad.
- Review road system of Wimpson Lane to 20 mph.
- Only one bus route, bus stops to be re-routed. Concern over disabled people having to walk too far to access buses.
- Traffic crossing or controlled lights at Romsey Road/Wimpson Lane – needs to be looked at for safe access to buses and shops.
- Dropped kerbs.

5. Conclusion

Overall the feedback is positive with general concerns regarding the traffic management and parking within the area as a whole rather than this specific scheme. The idea of individual apartments within a housing with care scheme was supported and residents recognised the need for this type of scheme.

The layout and appearance of the general needs apartments was supported as this remains in the original site footprint and provides on site parking.